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School Vaccination Outreach Clinics Available In Davis County

(Clearfield, Utah) – Davis County Health Department's immunization staff in partnership with the Davis School District is conducting school vaccination clinics for 7th grade and kindergarten during registration or orientation. The vaccination outreach clinics are scheduled in each school allowing students to meet the required vaccines for school entry into kindergarten or 7th grade.

According to Vener DeFriez, Immunization Coordinator for the county health department, "The school clinics held throughout March in various junior high schools have been quite successful. We look forward to continuing this service at additional schools during the next few months."

"During registration, 7th graders lined up to receive their vaccines and many of their parents did too," said DeFriez. Students received the required Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis) vaccine and many got the recommended Meningococcal vaccines during the clinics, she said.

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These school vaccination outreach clinics target all junior high schools, elementary schools, and charter schools. The clinics are scheduled until August.

"Vaccinating a school child not only protects the child but the school community from person-to-person disease transmission," said Lewis Garrett, director of the Davis County Health Department. "High immunization coverage in the schools means a high level of immunity throughout the schools."

"The likelihood of an infected child transmitting a vaccine-preventable disease is greatly reduced," he said. "Reduction of illness means a reduction in being absent from school and allows the child to thrive."

Additional outreach clinics are listed online at www.daviscountyutah.gov/health/calendar. For more information about available vaccines or questions about which insurances are accepted, please call the Davis County Health Department at (801) 525-5020 or your school.

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